



**TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
SPECIALTY CROP BLOCK – FARM BILL GRANT PROGRAM
2012 PROPOSAL GRADE SHEET**

TODD STAPLES, COMMISSIONER

Review #:

PROJECT INFORMATION		
Title: «Title_of_Project»		TDA Grant Project No.: «Project_Number» Total Funds Requested: «Total_Funds_requested_»
PROPOSAL GRADING CRITERIA		
Please rate the following areas using the following scale: Low: 1-2 Average: 3-4 pts High: 5pts		
	Maximum Points Available	Points Received
1. Project Purpose		
▪ How well does the applicant define the need for and the purpose of the project?	5	_____
▪ Rate the achievability of the project.	5	_____
▪ Rate the level of the project's timeliness and importance.	5	_____
2 Potential Impact		
▪ How effective will the project be at enhancing the competitiveness of that industry?	5	_____
▪ Rate the positive impact this project will have for Texas Specialty Crops.	5	_____
▪ Does the applicant clearly demonstrate how the project will have an impact on more than one grower?	5	_____
▪ Rate the ability of the project to have an impact within the next five years.	5	_____
3. Expected Measurable Outcomes		
▪ How well does the measurable outcome support the project's purpose?	5	_____
▪ Rate the level of attainability of the measurable outcomes.	5	_____
▪ Rate the level of outcomes as a direct benefit to the beneficiaries.	5	_____
4. Work Plan		
▪ How well do the activities relate to the objectives and goals?	5	_____
▪ How well do the activities match the needs or problems that are being addressed?	5	_____
▪ Rate the appropriateness of the key activities.	5	_____
▪ Rate the timeline associated with each activity.	5	_____
6. Budget		
▪ Rate the reasonableness of the requested budget.	5	_____
▪ Rate the level of the line items needed to complete the proposed project.	5	_____
▪ Rate the expected benefits commensurate with the total investment	5	_____
5. Sustainability		
▪ Rate the level of lasting benefits after the end of the project.	5	_____
7. Additional Information		
▪ Rate the level of support this project demonstrates; are stakeholders actively involved or have they pledged their support of the project's goals?	5	_____
▪ Rate the degree of proposed project innovation including use of novel methods and approaches.	5	_____
TOTAL	100	_____

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STRENGTHS / WEAKNESSES

What are some of the strengths and/or weaknesses of this proposal?

COMMENTS

Please provide any additional comments, questions, or concerns you have regarding this project.
